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
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (37 CFR 41.37) mailed on December 1, 2009, to which a response is due January 4, 2010 since January 1, 2010 was a Federal holiday and the USPTO was closed for business. No fees are believed due in connection with this filing; however, if any fees are due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Deposit Acct. No. 50-1212/DEBE:066US/10605466.

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-25 were filed with the original application, and claims 26-50 were added during prosecution, and claims 27-50 are currently withdrawn. Claims 1-25 and 27-29 were canceled. Thus, claim 26 is under consideration, stands rejected, and is appealed.

II. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, appellants respectfully state that the Appeal Brief should be accepted. Should the examiner have any questions regarding this submission, a telephone to the undersigned is invited.

Respectfully submitted,



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